

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

All of the baptized can apply the words Saint Paul gives us in the Second Reading of today's Mass: He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him. Through Baptism and Confirmation all the Christian faithful belong to a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. The baptized, says the Second Vatican Council, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that through all the works of Christian men they may offer spiritual sacrifices. By their sharing in the priesthood of Christ, the faithful take an active part in the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Altar. They sanctify the world through their secular tasks, sharing in the one mission of the Church by means of the different vocations they have received from God. Housewives, for example, sanctify the various aspects of motherhood and related duties; sick people are called to offer up their sufferings lovingly to God; each one makes a pleasing offering to God of their daily tasks and circumstances.

From the ranks of the faithful, all of whom have this common priesthood, some are called by God, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, to exercise the ministerial priesthood. This second priesthood builds upon the first one, but they are essentially different. By means of the consecration received in Holy Orders, the priest becomes an instrument of Jesus Christ, to whom he offers his entire being, in order to bring the grace of Redemption to all mankind. He is a man chosen from among men and appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. What then is the priest's identity? Saint John Paul II stated: That of Christ. Each one of us Christians can and should not be just any Christ, 'alter Christus', but Christ Himself, 'ipse Christus!' But in the priest this happens in a direct way, by virtue of the sacrament. Please continue to pray for holy priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection this week is to support the Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa.

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 3rd annual school supply drive. Look for the tree of knowledge in the narthex the week of July 25/26. Red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples are for monetary donations. Please make all donations by August 15/16. Thank you in advance.

Learn how St. Mary's Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. There will be an Open House at St. Mary's Little Lambs on Monday, July 20 from 5pm to 7pm.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center offers affordable, quality Catholic pre-school education for children of all denominations, with full and half day programs available. Small class sizes will help focus your child's attention on adjusting to new situations in a warm, loving, safe, and encouraging environment. Children explore, think, pray, and talk through dramatic and free play, story time, and art.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is a New York State licensed facility, having completed all the requirements mandated by the state.

For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com.

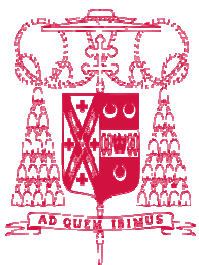
Check out what we're doing on facebook.

The 2016 Mass book will open on August 18th and 19th from 9:30am until 1pm and from 5pm-7pm. As in previous years, only 5 intentions per household allowed the first week.

Our parish has run out of Chapel keys. If you are in possession of one and not able to visit our Chapel, please return it to the parish office.

GOLF ANYONE? Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County Monday, July 20 8:30 am check-in, 10 am shotgun start. West Hills Country Club - 121 Golf Links Road - Middletown. Opportunities available for golfers, sponsors, and raffle donations. Be a part of a fun-filled day that supports our neighbors in need in Orange County. Contact Kristin Jensen at 492.6331/kristin.jensen@archny.org

The FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 1:00pm at the firehouse in Sparrow Bush. As we've done in previous years, the parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; those who attend are asked to bring beverages and desserts, snacks, or a salad. There will also be games for the children. Further information is forthcoming.



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2015
Sharing God's Gifts

The Cardinal's Appeal is still under way. You may make your donations online at:

www.cardinalsappeal.org

Please enter our parish number - 518.

Our goal is \$39,500. We have received pledges totaling \$34,272! Please give it your prayerful consideration and help us meet our goal.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 13 (Henry)**
9:00am Mary Oliver, by the family
- Tuesday, July 14 (Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin)**
9:00am Denise Di Toto McKay, by mother and brothers
- Wednesday, July 15 (Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am James Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid
Deceased members of the Corrado family, by Agnes and Mary
- Thursday, July 16 (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)**
9:00am Enrique Santiago, by Enid Decker and family
Emilio Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
- Saturday, July 18**
4:00pm Giuseppe Fiorilo, by Rosa Fiorilo
- Sunday, July 19**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Xavier Rimlinger, by Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Angela Grillo, Amanda Evelech, Anna Jenks, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Owen Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Betty Corcoran, Lisa Donahue, Charles Fitz-Randolph, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Angela Lilo, Ana-Lucia Stasilli, Jeremiah Stasilli, Radomski family, Hiegle family, Nick Cirillo, Bobby Kochka, Dominic Fontana, Mary Platania, Nicholas Marinaro, Maureen Hildebrandt, and William Quinn.

The collection for July 4/5 was \$5,371.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for July 18/19

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	L. AVELLA, N. SMITH, D. MURO	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	E. DECKER, B. DENNINGTON, T. HOPPEY	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	J. SNELLINGER, D. LIVINGSTON	S. MASCI, S. PHILLIPS, J. ENNIS